

procedures for amendment in reissue application. The undersigned has amended the claims in accordance with Mr. McGinty's instructions.

In particular, he said that no clean copy of the claims is required unlike the new rule for amending claims in an application. He said that the claims should be marked up with respect to the original patent claims regardless of the number of amendments. In addition, he said that if there are newly added claims, as in this application, they have to be underlined, but never bracketed because there is nothing to delete with respect to the original patent claims, regardless of the number of amendments in which they appear.

Claims 21 and 26 were rejected under 36 USC 112, first paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed and should be withdrawn in light of this Amendment. Amended claim 21 no longer recites the terms "non-wetting," "primer layer" and "perfluoroalkyl alkyl." The terms "fluorocarbon-based coating film" and "inner layer" are disclosed in the title and column 1, line 51, of the parent patent, U.S. Patent No. 5,538,762. Besides, the Examiner has acknowledged in paragraph 3 of the Action that the specification is "enabling for a method of manufacturing a coating film using a compound that comprises a chlorosilyl group or an alkoxysilyl group."

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is traversed and should be withdrawn in light of the amendment of claim 17 in which "chlorosilyl" is changed to --alkoxysilyl-- as correctly assumed by the Examiner.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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